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ABSTRACT

This report presents and briefly discusses demographic data on school enrollment trends and the socioeconomic characteristics of American students from the nursery school level through college, based on the Current Population Survey conducted in October 1976. Twelve tables and graphs display statistical data on school enrollment patterns for different student groups classified by age, sex, and race. Most of the report consists of tables displaying the following data: 1) school enrollment of the population 3 to 34 years old, by level of school and race, by year from October 1965-October 1976; 2) school enrollment of the population 3 to 34 years old, by age and sex, by year from October 1966-October 1976; 3) college enrollment of the population 14 to 34 years old, by sex and race, by year from October 1966-October 1976; 4) age distribution by sex of college students 14 years old and over, by year from October 1966-October 1976; 5) undergraduate enrollment in all colleges and two-year colleges for the population 14 to 34 years old, by age, sex, and full-time status, by year from October 1970-October 1976; and 6) enrollment status of the population 3 to 34 years old, by age, sex, race, Spanish origin, and selected educational characteristics, as of October 1976. (JG)

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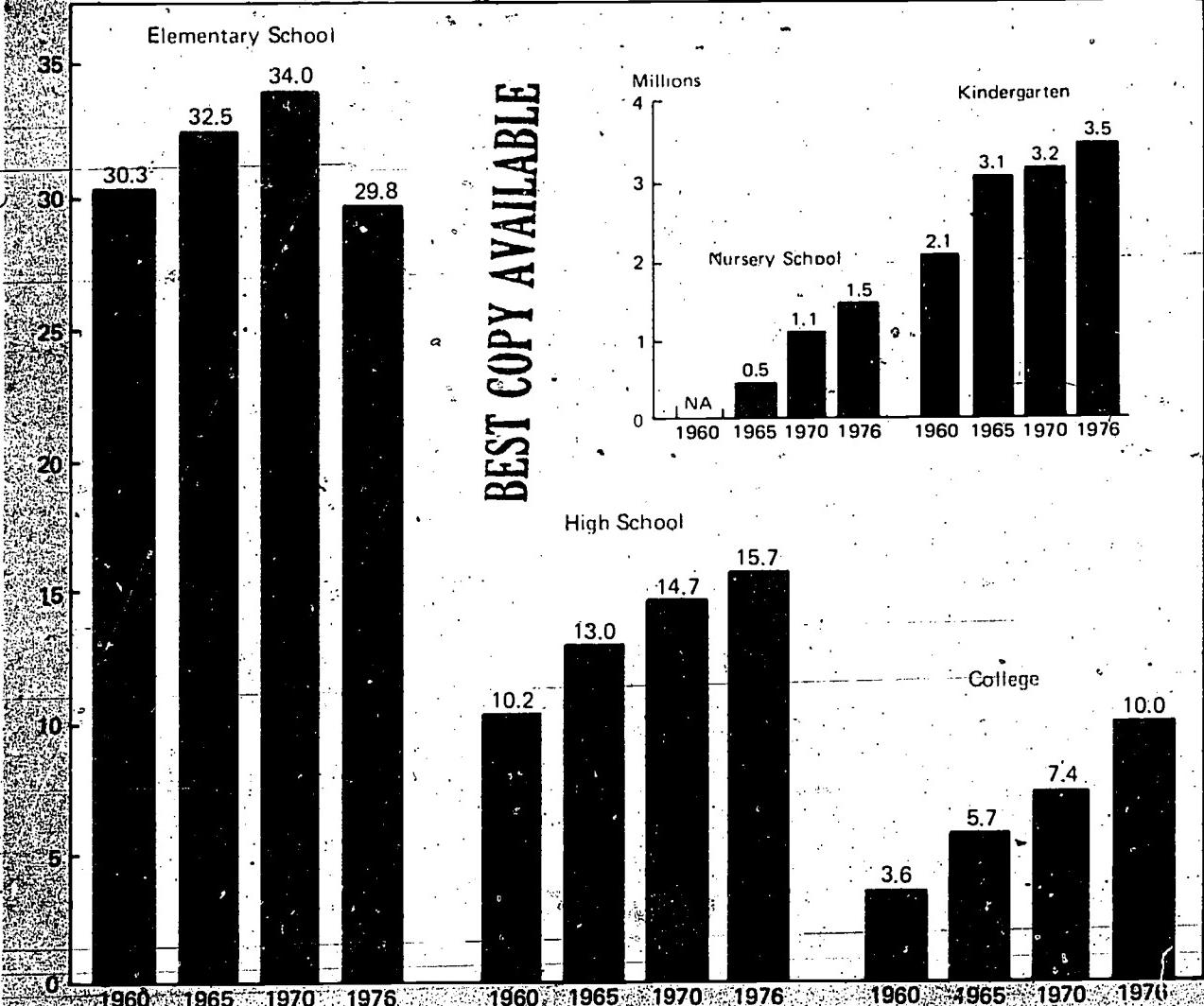
# Population Characteristics

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Figure 1. School Enrollment by Level for the Population 3 to 34 Years Old:  
October 1960 to October 1976

Millions



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Note: 1960 figures are for persons 5 to 34 years old; see Series P-20, No. 110.



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# SCHOOL ENROLLMENT—SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS: OCTOBER 1976 (Advance Report)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Elementary school enrollment continued to decline as a result of the decrease in the number of births in earlier years.
- Nursery school attendance declined for the first time since 1964, when statistics on nursery school attendance were first collected.
- Enrollment in private elementary schools has declined both in numbers of students and as a proportion of the total elementary school population. Private elementary school enrollment has dropped by one-third in ten years.
- College enrollment of Black students under 35 years old reached 1.1 million in 1976. The total number of Black college students has increased nearly three-fold since 1966, increasing their share of the total college population from 5 to 11 percent.
- The number of undergraduate students enrolled in four-year colleges rose slightly between 1975 and 1976, but two-year college enrollment did not change significantly.
- College enrollment increased among women, but no change was detected for men.

## INTRODUCTION

The total number of persons 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school in October 1976 was 60.5 million, not significantly different from the number enrolled in 1975. Enrollment in college, high school, and kindergarten did not change significantly between 1975 and 1976, but nursery school enrollment declined in both public and private schools for the first time since the Census Bureau first began collecting statistics on nursery school enrollment in 1964 when 471,000 children were enrolled in nursery school (figure 1 and table 1).

Although the number of children 3 and 4 years old has declined since 1965, the school enrollment rate increased in most years until 1975. The total number of 3-and 4-year-old children decreased by

1.7 million (20 percent) between 1965 and 1975, while the number enrolled in school rose by 1.2 million, involving a shift from 11 percent of the age group to 31 percent as shown below:

|                                 | 1976                   | 1975  | 1965  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                 | (Numbers in thousands) |       |       |
| Children 3 and 4 years old..... | 6,239                  | 6,676 | 8,387 |
| Enrolled in school...           | 1,950                  | 2,101 | 886   |
| Percent.....                    | 31.3                   | 31.5  | 10.6  |

In 1976, there was some evidence of a decrease from the previous year in the number of 3-and 4-year-olds enrolled in school, proportionately about the same as the decrease in the population of the age group, that is, about 7 percent. Thus, the proportion of 3-and 4-year-olds enrolled remained about the same. Most nursery school students attend private schools; the proportion has remained around two-thirds or more for the past decade. At elementary school and high school levels, 90 percent or more of the students were in public schools; in kindergarten 85 percent attended public schools; but in nursery schools only 31 percent of the children were attending public schools in 1976.

The trend of declining elementary school enrollment, which has existed since the beginning of this decade, continued solely as a result of the decrease in numbers of births in earlier years. Enrollment rates of children of elementary school age have remained around 99 percent. Total elementary enrollment continued to grow into the late 1960's, but has dropped since 1970 by about 12 percent. Enrollment in private elementary schools began decreasing earlier. Private schools have lost 35 percent of their enrollment in the past 10 years.

High school enrollment did not change significantly from 1975 to 1976. The population of high school age is in a period of numerical stability, involving persons born when the number of births was greatest. As with private elementary schools, private high schools have experienced a decline in

enrollments (table 1). In the 10 years since 1966, total high school enrollment rose by 18 percent while private enrollment dropped 13 percent.

Private school enrollment slipped from 13 percent to 9 percent of the total elementary and high school enrollment between 1966 and 1976.

About 10 million persons 14 to 34 years old were enrolled in college in 1976, not significantly different from the 1975 figure. Another 1.2 million persons 35 years old and over were enrolled. For 14-to 34-year-olds, there were changes in the distribution of students among the college classes (table 3). At the freshman level, there was a decrease of 250,000 students (about a 9-percent drop). Freshman enrollment had increased by around 12 percent each of the preceding 2 years; in 1976 the freshman class dropped to about the size of the 1974 freshman class. At the sophomore level, there was some evidence of an increase (although not statistically significant), which was expected because of the record number of freshmen enrolled the year before. At the junior level, an increase of about 256,000 students offset the decline in freshmen. This increase was also expected, because of the large class of sophomores in 1975 and the gain in freshman enrollment 2 years earlier. No change was recorded in the number of seniors, but the substantial increase among persons in the junior year indicates the possibility of a larger number of seniors in 1977 and graduate students in 1978. The rises and falls in freshman enrollment from year to year filter through the undergraduate system in the succeeding 3 years. Therefore these data suggest that there may be a leveling off of college enrollment after a period of substantial growth.

Although the year-to-year fluctuations in graduate school enrollment have not been statistically significant, there have been apparent increases averaging about 90,000 students under 35 years old annually since 1970; as a consequence, there has been a 47-percent increase from 1970 to 1976.

Although no significant change in Black college enrollment occurred between 1975 and 1976, the number of Black students 14 to 34 years old has doubled since 1970. In 1976 there were about 1.1 million Black persons under the age of 35 enrolled in college compared with 0.5 million in 1970. About 77 percent of Black students were attending full time, a somewhat higher proportion than that for Whites (table 1). In 1976, Blacks were 11.7 percent of the civilian population 16 to 34 years old and Black students were 10.7 percent of all college

students of the same age.<sup>1</sup> In the 10 years since 1966, Black students more than doubled their share of the total college population, from 4.6 percent in 1966 to 10.7 percent in 1976 (table 1).

From 1975 to 1976, the number of women 14 to 34 years old enrolled in college increased by about 300,000, while no change in enrollment could be detected for men. In the 10 years since 1966 the enrollment rate for women has increased substantially whereas the enrollment rate for men has not changed significantly. Women students rose to 47 percent of all college students 14 to 34 years old, contrasted with 38 percent 10 years earlier (figure 2 and table 4).

Changes in enrollment patterns have caused major shifts in the groups dominating the college population. In 1970, 14-to-21 year-old men constituted the largest single group attending college and accounted for about one-third of all students under 35 years old. By 1976 they were reduced to about one-fourth of all students under 35 years old. In the 6-year period from 1970 to 1976, the total number of students increased about 2.5 million or by about 34 percent (table 4). At a time when the number of older students and young women students increased dramatically, the number of young men under 22 years old enrolled in college did not show a statistically significant increase; in this period there was a 35-percent rise for women of the same age, a 41-percent increase for men 22 to 34 years old (not significantly different from young women), and a 103-percent increase for women 22 to 34.

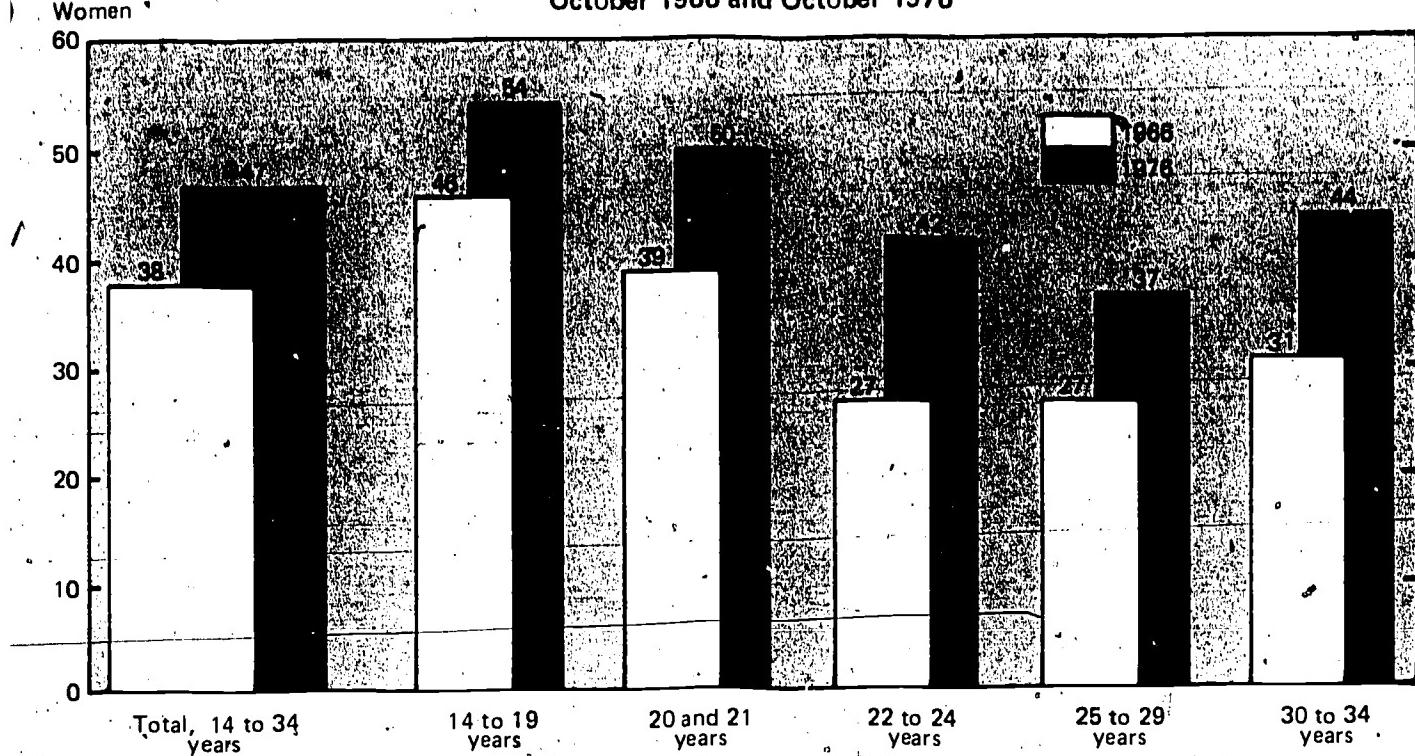
Women have become the majority group among young college students (14 to 21 years old). In 1976 women constituted 52 percent of the young "traditional age" students, outnumbering men by 200,000;<sup>2</sup> in 1970 they were 46 percent and men outnumbered them by 400,000. Men, however, are still in the majority among older students; they are about three-fifths of the students 22 to 34 years old, although women have gained some ground.

College attendance among persons 35 years old and over increased dramatically and rapidly from 1973 to 1975, as there was a 50-percent rise in just 2 years; however, in 1976 the number enrolled did not change significantly, remaining around 1.2 million (table 4). There was some evidence of an increase in enrollment among women and a decrease among men between 1975 and 1976, as women advanced from 52 percent to 59 percent of the older

<sup>1</sup>The difference between the 11.7 percent and 10.7 percent is significant at the 94-percent level of confidence.

<sup>2</sup>Significant at the 94-percent level of confidence.

Figure 2. Women as Percent of Total College Population 14 to 34 Years Old by Age:  
October 1966 and October 1976



students. The growth in enrollment of the population 35 years old and over in this two-year period, then a leveling off in 1976, was similar to the trend among younger students.

Two-year colleges experienced no significant growth in 1976. After a 50-percent rise in the two-year college enrollment of the population 14 to 34 years old from 1970 to 1975, there was no change and perhaps a decrease (although not statistically significant) from 1975 to 1976. A significant increase of about 360,000 students, however, was recorded for four-year college undergraduate programs between 1975 and 1976 (table A). The most notable change among two-year college students was the decline in the proportion of students under 20 years old enrolled in two-year colleges which fell from 32 percent to 28 percent in 1 year (table 5). There is some evidence that the total number of men enrolled in two-year colleges declined, while the number in four-year colleges did not change

significantly.<sup>3</sup> Among women, on the other hand, the number of students in two-year colleges did not change significantly, but the number enrolled in four-year colleges rose.<sup>4</sup> Older students were more likely than younger students to attend two-year colleges. About half of the undergraduates 25 to 34 years old were enrolled in two-year colleges compared with one-fourth of the students under 25 years old.

**Symbols.** A dash “—” represents zero or rounds to zero and “NA” means not available.

<sup>3</sup>There is only some evidence that the difference in changes in enrollment of men in two-year and four-year colleges is significant.

<sup>4</sup>The difference in changes among men and women in two-year colleges is not statistically significant, nor is the same comparison for four-year colleges.

**Table A. Undergraduate Enrollment of the Population 14 to 34 Years Old by Sex:  
October 1976 and October 1975**

(In thousands)

| Sex and type of college         | 1976  | 1975  | Change |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| All colleges <sup>1</sup> ..... | 8,270 | 8,108 | 162    |
| Male.....                       | 4,301 | 4,393 | -92    |
| Female.....                     | 3,969 | 3,715 | 254    |
| Two-year colleges.....          | 2,435 | 2,561 | -126   |
| Male.....                       | 1,272 | 1,412 | -140   |
| Female.....                     | 1,163 | 1,148 | 15     |
| Four-year colleges.....         | 5,550 | 5,193 | 357    |
| Male.....                       | 2,882 | 2,793 | 89     |
| Female.....                     | 2,668 | 2,400 | 268    |

<sup>1</sup> Includes persons for whom type of college is not reported.

**Table 1. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL AND CONTROL  
OF SCHOOL AND RACE: OCTOBER 1965 TO OCTOBER 1976**

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text.)

| Race, level, and control | 1976   | 1975   | 1974   | 1973 <sup>1</sup> | 1972   | 1971   | 1970   | 1969   | 1968   | 1967   | 1966   | 1965   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>ALL RACES</b>         |        |        |        |                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Total enrolled.....      | 60,482 | 60,969 | 60,259 | 59,192            | 60,142 | 61,106 | 60,357 | 59,913 | 58,791 | 57,656 | 56,167 | 54,701 |
| Nursery school.....      | 1,526  | 1,748  | 1,607  | 1,324             | 1,283  | 1,066  | 1,096  | 860    | 816    | 713    | 688    | 529    |
| Public.....              | 476    | 574    | 423    | 400               | 402    | 317    | 373    | 245    | 262    | 230    | 215    | 127    |
| Private.....             | 1,050  | 1,174  | 1,184  | 924               | 881    | 749    | 763    | 615    | 554    | 484    | 473    | 393    |
| Kindergarten.....        | 3,490  | 3,393  | 3,252  | 3,074             | 3,135  | 3,263  | 3,183  | 3,276  | 3,268  | 3,312  | 3,115  | 3,057  |
| Public.....              | 2,962  | 2,851  | 2,726  | 2,582             | 2,636  | 2,689  | 2,647  | 2,682  | 2,709  | 2,678  | 2,527  | 2,439  |
| Private.....             | 928    | 542    | 526    | 493               | 499    | 574    | 536    | 594    | 550    | 635    | 588    | 618    |
| Elementary school.....   | 29,774 | 30,486 | 31,126 | 31,469            | 32,242 | 33,507 | 33,950 | 33,788 | 33,761 | 31,440 | 32,916 | 32,474 |
| Public.....              | 26,698 | 27,166 | 27,956 | 28,201            | 28,693 | 29,829 | 30,001 | 29,825 | 29,527 | 28,877 | 28,208 | 27,596 |
| Private.....             | 3,075  | 3,279  | 3,169  | 3,268             | 3,549  | 3,678  | 3,949  | 3,964  | 4,234  | 4,562  | 4,706  | 4,878  |
| High school.....         | 15,742 | 15,683 | 15,447 | 15,347            | 15,169 | 15,183 | 14,715 | 14,553 | 14,145 | 13,790 | 13,364 | 12,975 |
| Public.....              | 14,561 | 14,503 | 14,275 | 14,162            | 14,015 | 14,057 | 13,565 | 13,400 | 12,498 | 11,985 | 11,517 | 11,457 |
| Private.....             | 1,201  | 1,180  | 1,172  | 1,184             | 1,155  | 1,126  | 1,170  | 1,153  | 1,352  | 1,292  | 1,377  | 1,457  |
| College.....             | 9,930  | 9,697  | 8,827  | 8,179             | 8,313  | 8,087  | 7,413  | 7,435  | 6,801  | 6,401  | 6,085  | 5,675  |
| Public.....              | 7,739  | 7,374  | 6,905  | 6,224             | 6,137  | 6,271  | 5,699  | 5,439  | 4,948  | 4,540  | 4,178  | 3,840  |
| Private.....             | 2,211  | 1,994  | 1,922  | 1,955             | 1,976  | 1,816  | 1,714  | 1,995  | 1,854  | 1,861  | 1,908  | 1,835  |
| College:                 |        |        |        |                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Full time.....           | 7,176  | 7,105  | 6,351  | 6,089             | 6,314  | 6,204  | 5,763  | 5,810  | 5,357  | 4,976  | 4,847  | 4,414  |
| Percent.....             | 72.1   | 73.3   | 71.9   | 74.4              | 76.0   | 76.7   | 77.7   | 78.1   | 78.8   | 77.7   | 79.7   | 77.8   |
| Part time.....           | 2,773  | 2,592  | 2,476  | 2,090             | 1,999  | 1,883  | 1,650  | 1,625  | 1,444  | 1,425  | 1,238  | 9,261  |
| <b>WHITE</b>             |        |        |        |                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Total enrolled.....      | 50,761 | 51,430 | 50,992 | 50,617            | 51,314 | 52,081 | 51,719 | 51,465 | 50,608 | 49,721 | 48,620 | 47,451 |
| Nursery school.....      | 1,246  | 1,432  | 1,340  | 1,087             | 1,079  | 888    | 893    | 678    | 664    | 564    | 564    | 451    |
| Public.....              | 318    | 392    | 293    | 242               | 285    | 225    | 198    | 136    | 163    | 134    | 127    | 93     |
| Private.....             | 929    | 1,040  | 1,048  | 845               | 794    | 664    | 695    | 539    | 501    | 429    | 437    | 358    |
| Kindergarten.....        | 2,881  | 2,845  | 2,745  | 2,584             | 2,633  | 2,735  | 2,706  | 2,803  | 2,775  | 2,840  | 2,693  | 2,648  |
| Public.....              | 2,423  | 2,363  | 2,268  | 2,139             | 2,185  | 2,207  | 2,233  | 2,289  | 2,272  | 2,254  | 2,163  | 2,086  |
| Private.....             | 457    | 483    | 477    | 445               | 448    | 527    | 473    | 515    | 504    | 587    | 530    | 562    |
| Elementary school.....   | 24,776 | 25,412 | 26,051 | 26,531            | 27,185 | 28,187 | 28,638 | 28,572 | 28,634 | 28,415 | 28,012 | 27,679 |
| Public.....              | 21,947 | 22,351 | 23,063 | 23,506            | 23,869 | 24,720 | 24,923 | 24,003 | 24,580 | 24,044 | 23,469 | 22,976 |
| Private.....             | 2,829  | 3,159  | 2,990  | 3,025             | 3,316  | 3,466  | 3,715  | 3,768  | 4,054  | 4,371  | 4,542  | 4,703  |
| High school.....         | 13,214 | 13,224 | 13,073 | 13,091            | 12,959 | 12,998 | 12,723 | 12,588 | 12,280 | 11,997 | 11,643 | 11,356 |
| Public.....              | 12,093 | 12,112 | 11,966 | 11,967            | 11,876 | 11,937 | 11,599 | 11,502 | 11,007 | 10,769 | 10,312 | 9,961  |
| Private.....             | 1,121  | 1,112  | 1,107  | 1,124             | 1,083  | 1,061  | 1,124  | 1,085  | 1,272  | 1,228  | 1,329  | 1,395  |
| College.....             | 8,644  | 8,516  | 7,781  | 7,324             | 7,458  | 7,273  | 6,759  | 6,827  | 6,255  | 5,905  | 5,708  | 5,317  |
| Public.....              | 6,657  | 6,724  | 6,049  | 5,550             | 5,644  | 5,624  | 5,168  | 4,967  | 4,501  | 4,155  | 3,914  | 3,568  |
| Private.....             | 1,987  | 1,792  | 1,732  | 1,773             | 1,814  | 1,650  | 1,591  | 1,860  | 1,753  | 1,750  | 1,795  | 1,749  |
| College:                 |        |        |        |                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Full time.....           | 6,170  | 6,183  | 5,575  | 5,408             | 5,678  | 5,560  | 5,221  | 5,307  | 4,919  | 4,604  | 4,556  | 4,111  |
| Percent.....             | 71.4   | 72.6   | 71.6   | 73.8              | 76.1   | 76.4   | 77.2   | 77.7   | 78.7   | 78.0   | 79.8   | 77.3   |
| <b>BLACK</b>             |        |        |        |                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Total enrolled.....      | 8,518  | 8,400  | 8,215  | 7,834             | 7,959  | 8,178  | 7,829  | 7,680  | 7,448  | 7,196  | 7,547  | 7,252  |
| Nursery school.....      | 226    | 276    | 227    | 210               | 185    | 151    | 178    | 170    | 132    | 140    | 125    | 72     |
| Public.....              | 146    | 171    | 121    | 146               | 113    | 90     | 129    | 102    | 89     | 92     | 88     | 37     |
| Private.....             | 80     | 105    | 106    | 64                | 72     | 61     | 49     | 68     | 43     | 47     | 37     | 35     |
| Kindergarten.....        | 542    | 468    | 463    | 423               | 448    | 464    | 426    | 425    | 448    | 418    | 420    | 407    |
| Public.....              | 482    | 426    | 416    | 391               | 402    | 422    | 374    | 361    | 397    | 375    | 364    | 353    |
| Private.....             | 60     | 42     | 47     | 32                | 46     | 42     | 53     | 64     | 51     | 44     | 56     | 54     |
| Elementary school.....   | 4,430  | 4,509  | 4,585  | 4,473             | 4,573  | 4,877  | 4,868  | 4,785  | 4,716  | 4,618  | 4,904  | 4,796  |
| Public.....              | 4,256  | 4,344  | 4,455  | 4,277             | 4,382  | 4,712  | 4,668  | 4,633  | 4,569  | 4,444  | 4,739  | 4,620  |
| Private.....             | 175    | 165    | 131    | 196               | 191    | 165    | 200    | 151    | 146    | 173    | 165    | 176    |
| High school.....         | 2,258  | 2,199  | 2,125  | 2,044             | 2,025  | 2,006  | 1,834  | 1,808  | 1,718  | 1,651  | 1,721  | 1,619  |
| Public.....              | 2,187  | 2,140  | 2,072  | 1,988             | 1,971  | 1,951  | 1,794  | 1,751  | 1,656  | 1,605  | 1,673  | 1,556  |
| Private.....             | 71     | 59     | 54     | 56                | 54     | 41     | 57     | 62     | 46     | 48     | 62     | 62     |
| College.....             | 1,062  | 948    | 814    | 684               | 727    | 680    | 522    | 492    | 434    | 370    | 282    | 274    |
| Public.....              | 887    | 782    | 659    | 537               | 582    | 422    | 372    | 359    | 280    | (NA)   | (NA)   | (NA)   |
| Private.....             | 175    | 166    | 155    | 147               | 145    | 148    | 100    | 120    | 75     | 90     | (NA)   | (NA)   |
| College:                 |        |        |        |                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Full time.....           | 817    | 742    | 589    | 536               | 525    | 534    | 427    | 401    | 338    | 271    | 210    | 218    |
| Percent.....             | 76.7   | 78.3   | 72.4   | 78.3              | 72.3   | 78.5   | 81.8   | 81.5   | 77.9   | 73.2   | 74.5   | 79.6   |

<sup>1</sup> Enrollment figures in nursery school, kindergarten, elementary school, and high school are for Black and other races. College enrollment figures refer to Black only.

**Table 2. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE AND SEX:  
OCTOBER 1966 TO OCTOBER 1976**

(In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

| Age and sex                | Percent enrolled |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                            | 1976             | 1975 | 1974 | 1973 | 1972 | 1971 | 1970 | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 |
| Total, 3 to 34 years.....  | 93.1             | 94.1 | 94.6 | 94.5 | 94.9 | 96.1 | 96.6 | 97.0 | 96.1 | 96.6 | 96.1 |
| 3 and 4 years.....         | 31.3             | 31.5 | 28.8 | 29.2 | 26.9 | 24.3 | 20.5 | 16.1 | 13.7 | 14.3 | 12.5 |
| 5 and 6 years.....         | 95.3             | 93.7 | 93.2 | 92.5 | 91.9 | 91.6 | 89.5 | 88.5 | 87.6 | 87.9 | 85.8 |
| 7 to 11 years.....         | 99.2             | 99.3 | 99.3 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 99.3 | 99.3 |
| 12 to 17 years.....        | 91.7             | 91.6 | 92.9 | 92.9 | 93.3 | 93.5 | 94.1 | 93.0 | 93.7 | 93.7 | 93.7 |
| 18 and 19 years.....       | 56.2             | 56.9 | 53.1 | 52.9 | 56.3 | 49.2 | 47.7 | 50.2 | 50.5 | 47.6 | 47.2 |
| 20 and 21 years.....       | 32.0             | 31.2 | 30.2 | 30.1 | 31.5 | 32.1 | 31.9 | 36.1 | 31.2 | 33.3 | 39.9 |
| 22 to 24 years.....        | 17.1             | 16.2 | 15.1 | 14.5 | 14.8 | 15.3 | 14.9 | 15.6 | 13.8 | 13.6 | 11.2 |
| 25 to 29 years.....        | 10.0             | 10.1 | 9.6  | 8.9  | 8.6  | 8.0  | 7.5  | 7.9  | 7.0  | 6.6  | 6.5  |
| 30 to 34 years.....        | 6.0              | 6.6  | 5.7  | 5.5  | 4.6  | 4.9  | 4.2  | 4.0  | 4.9  | 4.0  | 2.7  |
| Male, 3 to 34 years.....   | 93.1             | 96.0 | 96.0 | 96.1 | 97.8 | 99.3 | 99.7 | 60.5 | 60.6 | 60.0 | 59.7 |
| 3 and 4 years.....         | 30.9             | 30.9 | 28.1 | 24.5 | 34.6 | 20.0 | 21.2 | 15.5 | 15.6 | 18.1 | 17.3 |
| 5 and 6 years.....         | 95.6             | 94.3 | 94.5 | 92.9 | 91.7 | 90.9 | 88.9 | 87.7 | 87.3 | 86.6 | 85.3 |
| 7 to 11 years.....         | 99.0             | 99.0 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 99.1 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 99.1 | 99.2 |
| 12 to 17 years.....        | 94.6             | 94.6 | 93.4 | 93.7 | 94.0 | 95.3 | 94.8 | 93.0 | 95.0 | 94.7 | 96.4 |
| 18 and 19 years.....       | 58.2             | 49.9 | 55.8 | 57.9 | 51.7 | 55.6 | 54.4 | 59.3 | 60.5 | 56.3 | 57.8 |
| 20 and 21 years.....       | 33.6             | 35.3 | 34.8 | 36.4 | 37.3 | 38.9 | 42.7 | 46.5 | 45.0 | 44.3 | 41.4 |
| 22 to 24 years.....        | 20.7             | 20.0 | 19.4 | 19.1 | 21.3 | 21.1 | 21.2 | 23.9 | 20.8 | 21.0 | 21.3 |
| 25 to 29 years.....        | 11.0             | 13.1 | 12.7 | 11.8 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 11.0 | 11.4 | 10.8 | 9.9  | 9.6  |
| 30 to 34 years.....        | 6.8              | 7.7  | 6.7  | 5.6  | 7.8  | 6.3  | 5.3  | 5.9  | 5.0  | 5.6  | 3.8  |
| Female, 3 to 34 years..... | 51.0             | 51.5 | 51.3 | 50.9 | 52.0 | 53.7 | 53.7 | 53.6 | 53.2 | 53.3 | 52.7 |
| 3 and 4 years.....         | 41.6             | 37.1 | 29.7 | 23.8 | 26.9 | 22.9 | 19.8 | 18.8 | 16.1 | 15.1 | 12.7 |
| 5 and 6 years.....         | 95.5             | 93.1 | 93.9 | 92.9 | 92.1 | 92.3 | 90.2 | 89.1 | 88.0 | 88.2 | 86.3 |
| 7 to 11 years.....         | 99.3             | 99.6 | 99.5 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 99.5 | 99.6 | 99.5 | 99.3 | 99.5 | 99.5 |
| 12 to 17 years.....        | 92.8             | 92.6 | 92.5 | 92.1 | 92.6 | 93.7 | 93.4 | 93.1 | 93.4 | 92.6 | 92.9 |
| 18 and 19 years.....       | 54.4             | 44.2 | 40.7 | 38.1 | 41.8 | 43.6 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 41.3 | 37.7 | 37.7 |
| 20 and 21 years.....       | 30.6             | 27.6 | 26.0 | 26.3 | 26.3 | 26.8 | 23.6 | 25.3 | 21.5 | 24.9 | 20.9 |
| 22 to 24 years.....        | 13.8             | 12.6 | 11.1 | 10.2 | 8.9  | 8.4  | 9.4  | 9.1  | 8.3  | 7.3  | 6.6  |
| 25 to 29 years.....        | 7.3              | 7.2  | 6.7  | 6.4  | 5.3  | 6.3  | 4.3  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.6  | 3.6  |
| 30 to 34 years.....        | 5.0              | 5.6  | 4.6  | 3.6  | 3.6  | 3.6  | 3.1  | 3.8  | 3.0  | 3.8  | 1.7  |

**Table 3. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY SEX AND RACE:  
OCTOBER 1966 TO OCTOBER 1976**

In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population

| Race, sex, and year of college  | 1976  | 1975  | 1974  | 1973  | 1972  | 1971  | 1970  | 1969  | 1968  | 1967  | 1966  |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>ALL RACES</b>                |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total, enrolled in college..... | 9,950 | 9,697 | 8,827 | 8,179 | 8,313 | 8,087 | 7,413 | 7,435 | 6,801 | 6,401 | 6,085 |
| Male.....                       | 5,296 | 5,142 | 4,926 | 4,677 | 4,853 | 4,850 | 4,401 | 4,458 | 4,124 | 3,841 | 3,749 |
| Female.....                     | 4,654 | 4,355 | 3,901 | 3,502 | 3,460 | 3,236 | 3,013 | 2,987 | 2,677 | 2,560 | 2,337 |
| <b>YEAR OF COLLEGE</b>          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| First year.....                 | 2,632 | 2,886 | 2,957 | 2,282 | 2,320 | 2,443 | 2,212 | 2,158 | 2,051 | 1,956 | 1,910 |
| Second year.....                | 2,535 | 2,376 | 1,999 | 1,807 | 1,965 | 1,885 | 1,739 | 1,672 | 1,496 | 1,424 | 1,488 |
| Third year.....                 | 1,748 | 1,694 | 1,422 | 1,476 | 1,454 | 1,392 | 1,248 | 1,307 | 1,211 | 1,157 | 960   |
| Fourth year.....                | 1,356 | 1,154 | 1,360 | 1,230 | 1,253 | 1,175 | 1,074 | 1,159 | 1,100 | 900   | 831   |
| Fifth year or higher.....       | 1,680 | 1,589 | 1,490 | 1,385 | 1,322 | 1,192 | 1,140 | 1,138 | 944   | 963   | 895   |
| <b>WHITE</b>                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total, enrolled in college..... | 8,642 | 8,516 | 7,781 | 7,324 | 7,458 | 7,273 | 6,759 | 6,827 | 6,255 | 5,905 | 5,708 |
| Male.....                       | 4,658 | 4,774 | 4,367 | 4,218 | 4,397 | 4,407 | 4,066 | 4,146 | 3,843 | 3,560 | 3,536 |
| Female.....                     | 3,986 | 3,743 | 3,413 | 3,105 | 3,061 | 2,867 | 2,693 | 2,681 | 2,742 | 2,345 | 2,172 |
| <b>BLACK</b>                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total, enrolled in college..... | 1,062 | 948   | 814   | 684   | 727   | 680   | 522   | 492   | 434   | 370   | 282   |
| Male.....                       | 489   | 442   | 422   | 358   | 384   | 363   | 253   | 236   | 221   | 199   | 154   |
| Female.....                     | 573   | 506   | 392   | 326   | 343   | 317   | 269   | 256   | 213   | 171   | 128   |

**Table 4. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY SEX:  
OCTOBER 1966 TO OCTOBER 1976**

| Age and sex               | In thousands, civilian noninstitutional population, for meaning of symbols see text |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                           | 1966  | 1967  | 1968  | 1969  | 1970  | 1971  | 1972  | 1973  | 1974  | 1975  |
| <b>TOTAL MALE</b>         |   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total, 14 to 19 years.... | 9,950   | 9,699 | 9,422 | 9,179 | 8,911 | 8,667 | 8,414 | 8,165 | 7,901 | 7,641 |
| 14 to 17 years.....       | 5,001   | 4,915 | 4,995 | 4,995 | 4,955 | 4,864 | 4,767 | 4,701 | 4,749 | 4,734 |
| 18 and 19 years.....      | 3,912   | 3,945 | 3,975 | 3,945 | 3,860 | 3,770 | 3,596 | 3,401 | 3,296 | 3,150 |
| 20 and 21 years.....      | 2,199   | 2,131 | 2,197 | 2,193 | 2,116 | 1,997 | 1,857 | 1,745 | 1,626 | 1,516 |
| 22 to 24 years.....       | 1,366   | 1,379 | 1,362 | 1,365 | 1,304 | 1,287 | 1,256 | 1,209 | 998   | 910   |
| 25 to 29 years.....       | 1,186   | 1,166 | 1,192 | 1,178 | 1,229 | 1,067 | 949   | 918   | 900   | 797   |
| 30 to 34 years.....       | 804   | 851   | 750   | 831   | 931   | 929   | 910   | 515   | 436   | 376   |
| 15 years and over.....    | 1,189   | 1,190 | 1,179 | 1,170 | 1,081 | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  |
| <b>MALE</b>               |   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total, 14 to 19 years.... | 5,296   | 5,167 | 5,036 | 4,929 | 4,824 | 4,850 | 4,701 | 4,550 | 4,415 | 4,261 |
| 14 to 17 years.....       | 3,105   | 3,128 | 3,055 | 3,121 | 3,031 | 3,129 | 3,130 | 3,120 | 3,116 | 3,096 |
| 18 and 19 years.....      | 1,991   | 1,670 | 1,602 | 1,593 | 1,486 | 1,566 | 1,456 | 1,492 | 1,457 | 1,398 |
| 20 and 21 years.....      | 1,109   | 1,156 | 1,106 | 1,101 | 1,170 | 1,090 | 1,081 | 1,113 | 1,093 | 1,066 |
| 22 to 24 years.....       | 1,073   | 1,011 | 963   | 913   | 998   | 1,065 | 902   | 883   | 702   | 727   |
| 25 to 29 years.....       | 1,016   | 1,025 | 951   | 867   | 848   | 987   | 686   | 671   | 604   | 524   |
| 30 to 34 years.....       | 551   | 596   | 570   | 529   | 510   | 536   | 526   | 216   | 239   | 176   |
| 15 years and over.....    | 1,189   | 1,190 | 1,179 | 1,170 | 1,081 | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  |
| <b>FEMALE</b>             |   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total, 14 to 19 years.... | 5,664   | 5,453 | 5,901 | 5,502 | 5,559 | 5,236 | 5,214 | 5,193 | 5,677 | 5,560 |
| 14 to 17 years.....       | 3,176   | 3,165 | 3,155 | 3,153 | 3,156 | 3,130 | 3,122 | 3,162 | 3,153 | 3,159 |
| 18 and 19 years.....      | 1,506   | 1,512 | 1,315 | 1,276 | 1,316 | 1,281 | 1,268 | 1,206 | 1,144 | 1,088 |
| 20 and 21 years.....      | 1,149   | 1,227 | 956   | 964   | 956   | 906   | 876   | 813   | 762   | 521   |
| 22 to 24 years.....       | 1,031   | 960   | 596   | 528   | 669   | 1,223 | 452   | 411   | 328   | 265   |
| 25 to 29 years.....       | 919   | 990   | 831   | 411   | 381   | 280   | 257   | 187   | 183   | 185   |
| 30 to 34 years.....       | 734   | 192   | 300   | 272   | 290   | 192   | 156   | 171   | 138   | 80    |
| 15 years and over.....    | 1,189   | 1,190 | 1,179 | 1,170 | 1,081 | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  | (NA)  |

**Table 5. UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT IN ALL COLLEGES AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGES FOR THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD BY AGE, SEX, AND FULL-TIME STATUS: OCTOBER 1970 TO OCTOBER 1976**

| Age, sex, and full-time status | In thousands, civilian noninstitutional population |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                | 1976   |                   | 1975         |                   | 1974         |                   | 1973         |                   | 1972         |                   |
|                                | All colleges                                       | Two-year colleges | All colleges | Two-year colleges | All colleges | Two-year colleges | All colleges | Two-year colleges | All colleges | Two-year colleges |
| <b>TOTAL GRADUATE</b>          |  |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |
| Total, 14 to 34 years....      | 8,270  | 2,435             | 8,108        | 2,561             | 7,338        | 2,072             | 6,794        | 1,797             | 6,992        | 1,910             |
| 14 to 19 years.....            | 3,216  | 907               | 3,137        | 1,024             | 2,906        | 834               | 2,812        | 816               | 2,974        | 883               |
| 20 and 21 years.....           | 2,358  | 664               | 2,255        | 431               | 2,131        | 369               | 2,031        | 278               | 2,065        | 334               |
| 22 to 24 years.....            | 1,425  | 368               | 1,072        | 354               | 1,028        | 305               | 923          | 254               | 944          | 267               |
| 25 to 34 years.....            | 1,372  | 718               | 1,546        | 752               | 1,272        | 565               | 1,028        | 449               | 1,011        | 426               |
| Male, 14 to 34 years....       | 4,301  | 1,274             | 4,393        | 1,412             | 4,030        | 1,172             | 3,791        | 1,012             | 3,982        | 1,125             |
| Full time.....                 | 3,291  | 734               | 3,394        | 850               | 3,128        | 709               | 3,035        | 629               | 3,231        | 770               |
| Part time.....                 | 1,010  | 538               | 999          | 562               | 902          | 463               | 376          | 383               | 751          | 355               |
| Female, 14 to 34 years....     | 3,969  | 1,163             | 3,715        | 1,148             | 3,307        | 899               | 3,004        | 785               | 3,010        | 785               |
| Full time.....                 | 3,090  | 676               | 2,902        | 717               | 2,561        | 528               | 2,423        | 471               | 2,645        | 484               |
| Part time.....                 | 879  | 467               | 813          | 431               | 766          | 371               | 314          | 565               | 301          | 330               |
| <b>FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE</b> |  |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |
| Total, 14 to 34 years....      | 6,381  | 1,430             | 6,296        | 1,267             | 5,689        | 1,237             | 5,460        | 1,100             | 5,678        | 1,255             |
| 14 to 19 years.....            | 2,963  | 764               | 2,987        | 865               | 2,661        | 702               | 2,629        | 702               | 2,797        | 772               |
| 20 and 21 years.....           | 2,110  | 261               | 1,958        | 274               | 1,862        | 233               | 1,801        | 165               | 1,845        | 223               |
| 22 to 24 years.....            | 821  | 177               | 696          | 155               | 697          | 131               | 630          | 121               | 624          | 134               |
| 25 to 34 years.....            | 563  | 228               | 655          | 274               | 463          | 152               | 398          | 111               | 412          | 126               |
|                                |  |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              | 357               |
|                                |  |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              | 70                |
|                                |  |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              |                   |              | 301               |

**Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1976**

Numbers in thousands. Coverage includes total population. For meaning of symbols, see text.

| Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin | Enrolled in school |        |                     |        |            |        |         |            |                      |         | Not enrolled, then school |         |        |         |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|------------|--------|---------|------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
|                                    | Total              |        | Below college level |        | In college |        | Total   |            | High school graduate |         | Not high school graduate  |         |        |         |
|                                    | Population         | Number | Percent             | N      | Population | Number | Percent | Population | Number               | Percent | Number                    | Percent | Number | Percent |
| <b>ALL RACES</b>                   |                    |        |                     |        |            |        |         |            |                      |         |                           |         |        |         |
| Total, 3 to 34 years.....          | 111,981            | 60,482 | 54.1                | 30,312 | 29,1       | 9,290  | 8.2     | 34,501     | 66.9                 | 18,089  | 11.6                      | 15,412  | 11.5   |         |
| 3 and 4 years.....                 | 6,239              | 1,950  | 31.3                | 1,950  | 31.1       | -      | -       | 6,200      | 68.7                 | -       | -                         | 5,288   | 68.7   |         |
| 5 and 6 years.....                 | 7,011              | 6,701  | 95.5                | 6,701  | 95.5       | -      | -       | 312        | 4.5                  | -       | -                         | 312     | 4.5    |         |
| 7 to 9 years.....                  | 10,256             | 10,171 | 99.2                | 10,171 | 99.2       | -      | -       | 83         | 0.8                  | -       | -                         | 83      | 0.8    |         |
| 10 to 11 years.....                | 15,310             | 15,282 | 99.7                | 15,282 | 99.7       | -      | -       | 128        | 0.8                  | -       | -                         | 128     | 0.8    |         |
| 12 and 13 years.....               | 9,389              | 8,259  | 86.2                | 8,259  | 98.1       | 6      | 0.1     | 1,511      | 1.8                  | -       | -                         | 1,488   | 1.8    |         |
| 14 and 15 years.....               | 8,193              | 7,501  | 89.1                | 7,126  | 85.8       | 375    | 1.0     | 902        | 10.2                 | 197     | 2.6                       | 705     | 8.5    |         |
| 16 and 17 years.....               | 8,148              | 1,769  | 46.2                | 831    | 16.2       | 7,917  | 16.0    | 4,180      | 51.8                 | 1,045   | 17.1                      | 4,155   | 16.0   |         |
| 18 and 19 years.....               | 7,811              | 2,502  | 32.0                | 105    | 1.3        | 2,198  | 30.7    | 5,109      | 68.0                 | 6,066   | 51.8                      | 1,268   | 16.2   |         |
| 20 and 21 years.....               | 10,960             | 1,872  | 17.1                | 31     | 0.1        | 1,869  | 16.8    | 9,081      | 82.9                 | 7,655   | 67.7                      | 1,458   | 15.1   |         |
| 22 to 24 years.....                | 17,253             | 1,732  | 10.0                | 67     | 0.1        | 1,086  | 9.8     | 15,521     | 90.0                 | 12,826  | 76.6                      | 2,665   | 15.3   |         |
| 25 to 29 years.....                | 14,191             | 859    | 6.0                 | 6      | 0.1        | 803    | 5.7     | 13,362     | 96.0                 | 10,517  | 74.1                      | 2,825   | 19.9   |         |
| 30 to 34 years.....                | 36,577             | 31,196 | 85.1                | 21,898 | 55.8       | 8,790  | 9.6     | 23,186     | 65.9                 | 17,873  | 11.6                      | 7,510   | 13.1   |         |
| Male, 3 to 34 years.....           | 31,186             | 9,982  | 30.9                | 9,982  | 30.9       | -      | -       | 2,200      | 69.1                 | -       | -                         | 2,200   | 69.1   |         |
| 3 and 4 years.....                 | 3,186              | 982    | 30.9                | 982    | 30.9       | -      | -       | 157        | 4.5                  | -       | -                         | 157     | 4.4    |         |
| 5 and 6 years.....                 | 3,179              | 3,427  | 95.6                | 3,427  | 95.6       | -      | -       | 55         | 1.5                  | -       | -                         | 55      | 1.4    |         |
| 7 to 9 years.....                  | 3,727              | 5,121  | 98.9                | 5,121  | 98.9       | -      | -       | 72         | 0.9                  | -       | -                         | 72      | 0.9    |         |
| 10 to 11 years.....                | 2,892              | 7,780  | 99.1                | 7,780  | 99.1       | -      | -       | 61         | 1.6                  | -       | -                         | 59      | 1.4    |         |
| 12 and 13 years.....               | 4,475              | 4,214  | 98.6                | 4,214  | 98.5       | 3      | 0.1     | 2,398      | 9.5                  | 74      | 1.8                       | 2,398   | 7.7    |         |
| 14 and 15 years.....               | 4,198              | 3,800  | 90.5                | 3,698  | 88.1       | 102    | 2.9     | -          | -                    | -       | -                         | -       | -      |         |
| 16 and 17 years.....               | 3,957              | 1,907  | 48.2                | 916    | 13.0       | 1,391  | 35.1    | 7,030      | 51.8                 | 1,366   | 36.5                      | 684     | 17.3   |         |
| 18 and 19 years.....               | 3,772              | 1,766  | 13.6                | 13     | 1.5        | 1,309  | 31.0    | 2,506      | 66.4                 | 1,870   | 49.5                      | 636     | 16.9   |         |
| 20 and 21 years.....               | 3,283              | 1,092  | 20.7                | 19     | 0.4        | 1,073  | 20.3    | 4,191      | 79.3                 | 3,403   | 66.8                      | 789     | 14.9   |         |
| 22 to 24 years.....                | 8,369              | 1,088  | 11.0                | 21     | 0.2        | 1,067  | 12.7    | 7,781      | 87.0                 | 6,003   | 72.7                      | 1,198   | 14.3   |         |
| 25 to 29 years.....                | 6,887              | 469    | 6.8                 | 18     | 0.1        | 451    | 6.6     | 6,413      | 93.2                 | 5,076   | 73.8                      | 1,137   | 19.4   |         |
| Female, 3 to 34 years.....         | 37,405             | 29,288 | 51.0                | 8,634  | 47.9       | 6,654  | 8.1     | 18,112     | 49.0                 | 20,216  | 31.1                      | 7,907   | 11.8   |         |
| 3 and 4 years.....                 | 3,054              | 967    | 31.6                | 967    | 31.6       | -      | -       | 2,088      | 68.4                 | -       | -                         | 2,088   | 68.4   |         |
| 5 and 6 years.....                 | 3,634              | 3,279  | 95.5                | 3,279  | 95.5       | -      | -       | 155        | 4.5                  | -       | -                         | 155     | 4.5    |         |
| 7 to 9 years.....                  | 5,029              | 5,001  | 99.4                | 5,001  | 99.4       | -      | -       | 28         | 0.6                  | -       | -                         | 28      | 0.6    |         |
| 10 to 11 years.....                | 7,558              | 7,502  | 99.3                | 7,502  | 99.3       | -      | -       | 56         | 0.7                  | -       | -                         | 56      | 0.7    |         |
| 12 and 13 years.....               | 4,033              | 97.0   | 4,033               | 97.0   | 97.7       | 3      | 0.1     | 91         | 2.1                  | -       | -                         | 89      | 2.2    |         |
| 14 and 15 years.....               | 4,105              | 3,601  | 87.7                | 3,628  | 83.5       | 173    | 6.2     | 506        | 12.9                 | 123     | 3.0                       | 381     | 9.3    |         |
| 16 and 17 years.....               | 4,191              | 1,861  | 45.4                | 315    | 7.5        | 1,596  | 36.9    | 7,330      | 55.6                 | 1,059   | 39.6                      | 672     | 16.0   |         |
| 18 and 19 years.....               | 4,039              | 1,236  | 39.6                | 46     | 1.1        | 1,189  | 29.4    | 3,803      | 69.4                 | 1,176   | 51.9                      | 627     | 15.5   |         |
| 20 and 21 years.....               | 5,672              | 785    | 13.8                | 12     | 0.2        | 773    | 13.6    | 4,892      | 86.5                 | 4,022   | 70.9                      | 869     | 13.3   |         |
| 22 to 24 years.....                | 8,486              | 645    | 7.3                 | 26     | 0.3        | 619    | 7.0     | 8,299      | 92.7                 | 7,693   | 76.5                      | 1,447   | 16.3   |         |
| 25 to 29 years.....                | 7,309              | 380    | 5.2                 | 28     | 0.4        | 352    | 4.8     | 6,929      | 96.8                 | 5,441   | 74.6                      | 1,486   | 20.4   |         |
| <b>WHITE</b>                       |                    |        |                     |        |            |        |         |            |                      |         |                           |         |        |         |
| Total, 3 to 34 years.....          | 97,086             | 50,761 | 52.3                | 42,117 | 43.4       | 8,644  | 8.9     | 46,325     | 47.7                 | 33,780  | 34.8                      | 12,545  | 12.9   |         |
| 3 and 4 years.....                 | 5,124              | 1,559  | 30.4                | 1,559  | 30.4       | -      | -       | 3,565      | 69.6                 | -       | -                         | 3,565   | 69.6   |         |
| 5 and 6 years.....                 | 5,816              | 5,573  | 95.8                | 5,573  | 95.8       | -      | -       | 242        | 4.2                  | -       | -                         | 242     | 4.2    |         |
| 7 to 9 years.....                  | 8,562              | 8,489  | 99.1                | 8,489  | 99.1       | -      | -       | 73         | 0.9                  | -       | -                         | 73      | 0.9    |         |
| 10 to 11 years.....                | 12,894             | 12,794 | 90.2                | 12,794 | 99.2       | -      | -       | 100        | 0.8                  | -       | -                         | 100     | 0.8    |         |
| 12 and 13 years.....               | 7,082              | 6,965  | 98.1                | 6,961  | 98.0       | 5      | 0.1     | 137        | 1.9                  | -       | -                         | 137     | 1.9    |         |
| 14 and 15 years.....               | 7,017              | 6,255  | 89.1                | 6,023  | 85.8       | 292    | 3.1     | 762        | 10.9                 | 175     | 2.5                       | 587     | 8.4    |         |
| 16 and 17 years.....               | 6,951              | 3,158  | 65.4                | 580    | 8.3        | 2,577  | 37.1    | 3,793      | 54.6                 | 2,662   | 38.1                      | 1,111   | 16.3   |         |
| 18 and 19 years.....               | 6,691              | 2,175  | 32.5                | 68     | 1.0        | 2,108  | 31.5    | 3,516      | 67.5                 | 3,531   | 52.8                      | 946     | 14.7   |         |
| 20 and 21 years.....               | 9,477              | 1,609  | 17.0                | 18     | 0.2        | 1,591  | 16.8    | 7,868      | 83.0                 | 6,576   | 69.4                      | 1,292   | 13.6   |         |
| 22 to 24 years.....                | 15,056             | 1,500  | 10.0                | 42     | 0.3        | 1,458  | 97.7    | 13,556     | 90.0                 | 11,426  | 75.9                      | 2,130   | 14.1   |         |
| 25 to 29 years.....                | 12,917             | 704    | 5.7                 | 31     | 0.2        | 673    | 5.4     | 11,713     | 94.1                 | 9,407   | 75.8                      | 2,106   | 18.6   |         |
| Male, 3 to 34 years.....           | 48,508             | 26,279 | 56.2                | 21,621 | 44.6       | 6,658  | 9.6     | 22,229     | 45.8                 | 16,072  | 33.1                      | 6,157   | 12.7   |         |
| 3 and 4 years.....                 | 2,622              | 784    | 29.9                | 784    | 29.9       | -      | -       | 1,838      | 70.1                 | -       | -                         | 1,838   | 70.1   |         |
| 5 and 6 years.....                 | 3,977              | 2,853  | 95.8                | 2,853  | 95.8       | -      | -       | 126        | 4.2                  | -       | -                         | 126     | 4.2    |         |
| 7 to 9 years.....                  | 4,177              | 4,325  | 98.8                | 4,325  | 98.8       | -      | -       | 52         | 1.2                  | -       | -                         | 52      | 1.2    |         |
| 10 to 11 years.....                | 6,587              | 6,510  | 99.1                | 6,510  | 99.1       | -      | -       | 57         | 0.9                  | -       | -                         | 57      | 0.9    |         |
| 12 and 13 years.....               | 3,614              | 3,559  | 98.5                | 3,556  | 98.4       | 3      | 0.1     | 355        | 1.5                  | -       | -                         | 34      | 1.5    |         |
| 14 and 15 years.....               | 3,557              | 3,222  | 90.6                | 3,116  | 88.2       | 86     | 2.4     | 335        | 9.4                  | 64      | 1.8                       | 271     | 7.6    |         |
| 16 and 17 years.....               | 3,193              | 1,593  | 46.9                | 349    | 10.3       | 1,244  | 36.7    | 1,800      | 53.1                 | 1,219   | 35.9                      | 582     | 17.1   |         |
| 18 and 19 years.....               | 3,258              | 1,115  | 36.2                | 41     | 1.3        | 1,073  | 32.9    | 2,143      | 65.8                 | 1,661   | 51.0                      | 482     | 14.8   |         |
| 20 and 21 years.....               | 4,628              | 944    | 20.4                | 11     | 0.2        | 933    | 20.2    | 3,686      | 79.6                 | 3,056   | 66.0                      | 627     | 13.6   |         |
| 22 to 24 years.....                | 7,199              | 957    | 12.9                | 61     | 0.3        | 936    | 12.7    | 6,442      | 87.1                 | 5,472   | 74.0                      | 970     | 13.1   |         |
| 25 to 29 years.....                | 6,097              | 398    | 6.5                 | 15     | 0.2        | 382    | 6.3     | 5,699      | 93.5                 | 4,599   | 75.4                      | 1,101   | 18.1   |         |
| Female, 3 to 34 years.....         | 48,378             | 26,682 | 50.4                | 20,496 | 42.2       | 3,986  | 8.2     | 24,096     | 49.6                 | 17,708  | 36.5                      | 6,388   | 13.2   |         |
| 3 and 4 years.....                 | 2,502              | 775    | 31.0                | 775    | 31.0       | -      | -       | 1,727      | 69.0                 | -       | -                         | 1,727   | 69.0   |         |
| 5 and 6 years.....                 | 3,839              | 2,721  | 95.8                | 2,721  | 95.8       | -      | -       | 118        | 4.2                  | -       | -                         | 118     | 4.2    |         |
| 7 to 9 years.....                  | 4,185              | 4,164  | 99.5                | 4,164  | 99.5       | -      | -       | 21         | 0.5                  | -       | -                         | 21      | 0.5    |         |
| 10 to 11 years.....                | 6,107              | 6,284  | 99.3                | 6,284  | 99.3       | -      | -       | 41         | 0.7                  | -       | -                         | 41      | 0.7    |         |
| 12 and 13 years.....               | 3,468              | 3,388  | 97.6                | 3,385  | 97.6       | 1      | -       | 82         | 2.4                  | -       | -                         | 80      | 2.3    |         |
| 14 and 15 years.....               | 3,460              | 3,033  | 87.7                | 2,987  | 83.4       | 146    | 4.2     | 427        | 12.3                 | 111     | 3.2                       | 316     | 9.1    |         |
| 16 and 17 years.....               | 3,558              | 1,565  | 44.0                | 231    | 6.5        | 1,136  | 37.5    | 1,993      | 56.0                 | 1,446   | 40.6                      | 550     | 15.6   |         |
| 18 and 19 years.....               | 3,443              | 4,060  | 30.9                | 26     | 0.7        | 1,034  | 20.1    | 2,173      | 69.1                 | 1,871   | 54.5                      | 502     | 14.6   |         |
| 20 and 21 years.....               | 4,849              | 669    | 19.7                | 6      | 0.1        | 658    | 13.6    | 4,185      | 86.3                 | 3,519   | 72.6                      | 665     | 13.7   |         |
| 22 to 24 years.....                | 7,657              | 543    | 7.1                 | 22     | 0.3        | 521    | 6.8     | 7,114      | 92.9                 | 5,954   | 77.8                      | 1,161   | 15.2   |         |
| 25 to 29 years.....                | 6,320              | 306    | 4.8                 | 16     | 0.2        | 291    | 4.6     | 6,014      | 95.2                 | 4,808   | 76.1                      | 1,205   | 19.1   |         |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1976—Continued**

Numbers in thousands. \*Excludes noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text.

| Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin | Population | Enrolled in school |         |                                  |         | Not enrolled in school |         |        |         | Not high school graduate |      |       |      |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------------------------|------|-------|------|
|                                    |            | Total              |         | Below college level <sup>1</sup> |         | In college             |         | Total  |         |                          |      |       |      |
|                                    |            | Number             | Percent | Number                           | Percent | Number                 | Percent | Number | Percent |                          |      |       |      |
| <b>BLACK</b>                       |            |                    |         |                                  |         |                        |         |        |         |                          |      |       |      |
| Total, 3 to 34 years               | 14,706     | 8,518              | 57.9    | 7,436                            | 50.7    | 1,062                  | 7.4     | 6,189  | 42.1    | 3,596                    | 24.4 | 2,576 | 17.6 |
| 3 and 4 years                      | 1,962      | 331                | 34.5    | 333                              | 14.3    | —                      | —       | 636    | 63.5    | 634                      | 62.5 | 634   | 62.5 |
| 5 and 6 years                      | 1,043      | 940                | 96.0    | 980                              | 96.0    | —                      | —       | 61     | 0.0     | 61                       | 0.0  | 61    | 0.0  |
| 7 to 9 years                       | 1,495      | 1,486              | 99.1    | 1,484                            | 99.3    | —                      | —       | 10     | 0.7     | 10                       | 0.7  | 10    | 0.7  |
| 10 to 13 years                     | 2,142      | 2,139              | 98.8    | 2,135                            | 98.8    | —                      | —       | 12     | 1.2     | 12                       | 1.2  | 12    | 1.2  |
| 14 and 15 years                    | 1,128      | 1,105              | 99.0    | 1,104                            | 98.8    | 1                      | 0.1     | 12     | 1.0     | 12                       | 1.0  | 12    | 1.0  |
| 16 and 17 years                    | 1,132      | 1,070              | 92.0    | 992                              | 88.1    | 33                     | 2.9     | 127    | 11.0    | 118                      | 11.6 | 109   | 9.3  |
| 18 and 19 years                    | 1,055      | 532                | 50.7    | 230                              | 21.8    | 302                    | 28.0    | 523    | 49.6    | 312                      | 29.6 | 211   | 20.0 |
| 20 and 21 years                    | 1,012      | 286                | 28.2    | 36                               | 3.3     | 252                    | 24.9    | 726    | 71.8    | 458                      | 45.3 | 268   | 26.5 |
| 22 to 24 years                     | 1,248      | 206                | 16.4    | 10                               | 0.8     | 196                    | 15.5    | 1,044  | 83.6    | 740                      | 57.7 | 324   | 25.9 |
| 25 to 29 years                     | 1,864      | 173                | 9.4     | 3                                | 0.1     | 171                    | 9.3     | 1,070  | 90.6    | 1,203                    | 65.2 | 607   | 53.3 |
| 30 to 34 years                     | 1,471      | 119                | 8.1     | 11                               | 0.7     | 109                    | 7.4     | 1,152  | 91.9    | 883                      | 60.0 | 689   | 51.9 |
| Male, 3 to 34 years                | 7,019      | 4,290              | 61.1    | 3,801                            | 54.1    | 489                    | 7.0     | 2,729  | 38.9    | 1,493                    | 21.3 | 1,137 | 17.6 |
| 3 and 4 years                      | 468        | 177                | 36.1    | 177                              | 36.3    | —                      | —       | 311    | 63.7    | 311                      | 63.7 | 311   | 63.7 |
| 5 and 6 years                      | 324        | 296                | 94.6    | 494                              | 94.6    | —                      | —       | 30     | 5.6     | 30                       | 5.6  | 30    | 5.6  |
| 7 to 9 years                       | 782        | 766                | 99.5    | 746                              | 99.3    | —                      | —       | 3      | 0.3     | 3                        | 0.3  | 3     | 0.3  |
| 10 to 13 years                     | 1,428      | 1,113              | 98.8    | 1,113                            | 98.8    | —                      | —       | 13     | 1.2     | 13                       | 1.2  | 13    | 1.2  |
| 14 and 15 years                    | 575        | 592                | 99.3    | 592                              | 99.3    | —                      | —       | 3      | 0.3     | 3                        | 0.3  | 3     | 0.3  |
| 16 and 17 years                    | 668        | 517                | 90.9    | 306                              | 89.0    | 11                     | 1.9     | 52     | 9.1     | 55                       | 1.0  | 66    | 8.6  |
| 18 and 19 years                    | 479        | 274                | 54.9    | 153                              | 30.7    | 121                    | 24.2    | 325    | 45.1    | 129                      | 27.8 | 99    | 19.3 |
| 20 and 21 years                    | 1,458      | 128                | 26.0    | 15                               | 3.2     | 113                    | 24.8    | 330    | 72.0    | 180                      | 39.4 | 169   | 32.6 |
| 22 to 24 years                     | 566        | 102                | 18.7    | 6                                | 1.0     | 97                     | 17.7    | 446    | 81.3    | 296                      | 54.2 | 168   | 27.0 |
| 25 to 29 years                     | 819        | 90                 | 11.0    | 4                                | —       | 90                     | 11.0    | 728    | 89.0    | 510                      | 62.4 | 218   | 26.6 |
| 30 to 34 years                     | 648        | 57                 | 8.8     | —                                | —       | 57                     | 8.8     | 591    | 91.2    | 372                      | 57.3 | 219   | 33.8 |
| Female, 3 to 34 years              | 7,087      | 4,228              | 55.0    | 3,655                            | 45.3    | 573                    | 7.3     | 3,459  | 45.0    | 2,102                    | 27.3 | 1,358 | 17.7 |
| 3 and 4 years                      | 470        | 156                | 32.6    | 156                              | 32.6    | —                      | —       | 323    | 67.4    | —                        | —    | 323   | 67.6 |
| 5 and 6 years                      | 519        | 486                | 93.6    | 486                              | 93.6    | —                      | —       | 33     | 6.4     | —                        | —    | 33    | 6.4  |
| 7 to 9 years                       | 741        | 733                | 99.1    | 739                              | 99.1    | —                      | —       | 7      | 0.9     | —                        | —    | 7     | 0.9  |
| 10 to 13 years                     | 4,116      | 4,103              | 98.8    | 1,103                            | 98.8    | —                      | —       | 13     | 1.2     | —                        | —    | 13    | 1.2  |
| 14 and 15 years                    | 583        | 576                | 98.4    | 572                              | 98.2    | 1                      | 0.2     | 9      | 1.6     | —                        | —    | 9     | 1.6  |
| 16 and 17 years                    | 584        | 508                | 87.0    | 486                              | 83.2    | 22                     | 3.8     | 76     | 13.0    | 13                       | 2.2  | 63    | 10.8 |
| 18 and 19 years                    | 536        | 298                | 46.4    | 76                               | 13.8    | 181                    | 32.6    | 298    | 53.6    | 183                      | 32.9 | 115   | 20.7 |
| 20 and 21 years                    | 534        | 157                | 28.4    | 19                               | 3.4     | 139                    | 25.0    | 397    | 71.6    | 278                      | 50.2 | 119   | 21.4 |
| 22 to 24 years                     | 703        | 302                | 14.5    | 5                                | 0.1     | 97                     | 13.9    | 600    | 85.5    | 424                      | 60.4 | 176   | 25.1 |
| 25 to 29 years                     | 1,025      | 83                 | 8.1     | 3                                | 0.3     | 81                     | 7.9     | 942    | 91.9    | 692                      | 67.5 | 249   | 24.3 |
| 30 to 34 years                     | 823        | 62                 | 7.6     | 11                               | 1.3     | 52                     | 6.3     | 761    | 92.4    | 511                      | 62.1 | 249   | 30.3 |
| <b>SPANISH ORIGIN<sup>2</sup></b>  |            |                    |         |                                  |         |                        |         |        |         |                          |      |       |      |
| Total, 3 to 34 years               | 6,998      | 3,673              | 51.8    | 3,196                            | 45.7    | 427                    | 6.1     | 3,375  | 48.2    | 1,416                    | 20.2 | 1,959 | 28.0 |
| 3 and 4 years                      | 452        | 100                | 22.2    | 100                              | 22.2    | —                      | —       | 351    | 77.8    | —                        | —    | 351   | 77.8 |
| 5 and 6 years                      | 514        | 489                | 95.0    | 489                              | 95.0    | —                      | —       | 26     | 5.0     | —                        | —    | 26    | 5.0  |
| 7 to 9 years                       | 681        | 664                | 97.5    | 664                              | 97.5    | —                      | —       | 17     | 2.5     | —                        | —    | 17    | 2.5  |
| 10 to 13 years                     | 937        | 929                | 99.1    | 929                              | 99.1    | —                      | —       | 8      | 0.9     | —                        | —    | 8     | 0.9  |
| 14 and 15 years                    | 504        | 480                | 95.4    | 480                              | 95.4    | —                      | —       | 23     | 4.6     | —                        | —    | 23    | 4.6  |
| 16 and 17 years                    | 509        | 414                | 81.3    | 402                              | 78.9    | 13                     | 2.5     | 95     | 18.7    | 16                       | 3.1  | 79    | 15.6 |
| 18 and 19 years                    | 534        | 261                | 45.2    | 98                               | 48.4    | 143                    | 26.8    | 292    | 54.8    | 129                      | 24.1 | 164   | 30.7 |
| 20 and 21 years                    | 431        | 104                | 24.0    | 20                               | 4.7     | 83                     | 19.3    | 327    | 76.0    | 147                      | 34.1 | 180   | 41.8 |
| 22 to 24 years                     | 586        | 87                 | 14.8    | 3                                | 0.6     | 83                     | 14.2    | 499    | 85.2    | 277                      | 47.2 | 322   | 38.0 |
| 25 to 29 years                     | 1,032      | 81                 | 7.9     | 8                                | 0.8     | 73                     | 7.1     | 951    | 92.1    | 463                      | 44.9 | 488   | 47.3 |
| 30 to 34 years                     | 818        | 33                 | 4.0     | 2                                | 0.2     | 31                     | 3.8     | 785    | 96.0    | 385                      | 47.1 | 400   | 48.9 |
| Male, 3 to 34 years                | 3,350      | 1,842              | 55.0    | 1,619                            | 48.3    | 223                    | 6.7     | 1,508  | 45.0    | 616                      | 18.4 | 893   | 26.6 |
| 3 and 4 years                      | 239        | 53                 | 22.1    | 53                               | 22.1    | —                      | —       | 186    | 77.9    | —                        | —    | 186   | 77.9 |
| 5 and 6 years                      | 253        | 270                | 94.6    | 270                              | 94.6    | —                      | —       | 15     | 5.4     | —                        | —    | 15    | 5.4  |
| 7 to 9 years                       | 336        | 327                | 97.4    | 327                              | 97.4    | —                      | —       | 9      | 2.6     | —                        | —    | 9     | 2.6  |
| 10 to 13 years                     | 456        | 449                | 98.5    | 449                              | 98.5    | —                      | —       | 7      | 1.5     | —                        | —    | 7     | 1.5  |
| 14 and 15 years                    | 247        | 240                | 97.3    | 240                              | 97.3    | —                      | —       | 7      | 2.7     | —                        | —    | 7     | 2.7  |
| 16 and 17 years                    | 264        | 208                | 85.5    | 205                              | 84.2    | 3                      | 1.3     | 35     | 14.3    | —                        | —    | 32    | 13.3 |
| 18 and 19 years                    | 258        | 119                | 66.3    | 50                               | 19.6    | 69                     | 26.7    | 138    | 53.7    | 56                       | 21.7 | 82    | 32.0 |
| 20 and 21 years                    | 200        | 54                 | 27.1    | 15                               | 7.7     | 39                     | 19.4    | 166    | 72.9    | 73                       | 36.5 | 73    | 36.4 |
| 22 to 24 years                     | 243        | 45                 | 18.6    | 23                               | 1.6     | 42                     | 17.3    | 198    | 81.4    | 99                       | 40.9 | 98    | 40.5 |
| 25 to 29 years                     | 484        | 55                 | 11.4    | 5                                | 1.0     | 50                     | 10.4    | 428    | 88.6    | 216                      | 44.6 | 123   | 74.0 |
| 30 to 34 years                     | 359        | 20                 | 5.6     | —                                | —       | 20                     | 5.6     | 339    | 94.4    | 169                      | 47.0 | 170   | 47.3 |
| Female, 3 to 34 years              | 3,648      | 1,281              | 48.8    | 1,577                            | 43.2    | 204                    | 5.6     | 1,867  | 51.2    | 800                      | 21.9 | 1,066 | 29.2 |
| 3 and 4 years                      | 212        | 47                 | 22.3    | 47                               | 22.3    | —                      | —       | 165    | 77.7    | —                        | —    | 165   | 77.7 |
| 5 and 6 years                      | 229        | 219                | 95.3    | 219                              | 95.3    | —                      | —       | 10     | 4.5     | —                        | —    | 10    | 4.5  |
| 7 to 9 years                       | 465        | 337                | 97.6    | 337                              | 97.6    | —                      | —       | 8      | 2.4     | —                        | —    | 8     | 2.4  |
| 10 to 13 years                     | 481        | 480                | 99.7    | 480                              | 99.7    | —                      | —       | 2      | 0.3     | —                        | —    | 2     | 0.3  |
| 14 and 15 years                    | 257        | 240                | 93.6    | 240                              | 93.6    | —                      | —       | 16     | 6.4     | —                        | —    | 16    | 6.4  |
| 16 and 17 years                    | 265        | 206                | 77.6    | 196                              | 74.0    | 9                      | 3.6     | 60     | 22.4    | 13                       | 4.7  | 47    | 17.7 |
| 18 and 19 years                    | 276        | 122                | 64.2    | 48                               | 17.3    | 74                     | 26.9    | 154    | 55.8    | 72                       | 26.3 | 81    | 29.5 |
| 20 and 21 years                    | 231        | 49                 | 21.4    | 5                                | 2.1     | 43                     | 19.3    | 182    | 78.6    | 76                       | 32.1 | 108   | 46.5 |
| 22 to 24 years                     | 343        | 41                 | 12.1    | —                                | —       | 41                     | 12.1    | 301    | 87.9    | 177                      | 51.8 | 124   | 36.4 |
| 25 to 29 years                     | 569        | 26                 | 4.8     | 3                                | 0.6     | 23                     | 4.2     | 522    | 95.2    | 247                      | 45.1 | 275   | 50.2 |
| 30 to 34 years                     | 459        | 13                 | 2.7     | 2                                | 0.4     | 11                     | 2.4     | 446    | 97.3    | 216                      | 47.1 | 230   | 50.1 |

<sup>1</sup>Includes nursery school, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12.

<sup>2</sup>Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

## APPENDIX

**Source of data.** The estimates of school enrollment in 1976 are based on data obtained in October of 1976 in the Current Population Survey (CPS) of the Bureau of the Census. The CPS sample was initially selected from the 1970 census files and is updated continuously to reflect new construction where possible. The current sample is spread over 461 areas with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In the sample, approximately 47,000 occupied households are eligible for interview each month. Of this number, 2,000 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 47,000, there are also about 8,000 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed. For a description of CPS sample designs prior to August 1972, see the detailed report for 1975 in this series.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the total civilian non-institutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. These independent estimates are based on statistics from the 1970 Census of Population; statistics on births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

**Reliability of the estimates.** Since the CPS estimates in this report are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey - sampling and nonsampling. For estimates in this report indications of the magnitude of sampling error are provided but the extent of nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

**Sampling variability.** The standard errors presented in table A-1 are primarily measures of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of

the population was surveyed. As calculated, the standard error also partially measures the effect of certain response and enumeration errors, but it does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that this difference would be less than 1.6 times the standard error and about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

All statements of comparison in the text are significant at a 1.6 standard error level or better and most are significant at a level of more than 2.0 standard errors. This means that, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference is greater than twice the standard error of the difference.

Statements of comparison qualified in some way (e.g., by the use of the phrase, "some evidence") have a level of significance between 1.6 and 2.0 standard errors.

**Note when using small estimates.** Percent distributions are shown in this report only when the base of the percentage is greater than 75,000. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that percentages would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated numbers of persons are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for the corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations of the categories as serve each user's needs.

**Standard errors for data based on CPS.** Since this is an advance report, standard errors are provided in table A-1 for estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages for only certain characteristics which are considered the most important among the data in the report.

More detailed standard error tables for each characteristic of interest for estimated numbers of persons or families and estimated percentages are provided in the detailed report for 1975 in this series.

A more complete source and reliability statement for the 1976 data will be published with the forthcoming 1976 detailed report.

**Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages.** Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages can be computed directly with formulas (1) and (2) below, respectively. The formulas are:

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \quad (1)$$

Here  $x$  is the size of the estimate and  $a$  and  $b$  are the

parameters associated with the characteristic.

$$\sigma(x,p) = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}} \cdot p \cdot (100-p) \quad (2)$$

Here  $x$  is the size of the subclass of the population which is the base of the percentage,  $p$  is the percentage ( $0 \leq p \leq 100$ ), and  $b$  is the parameter associated with the characteristic.

Table A-2 provides the values of the  $a$  and  $b$  parameters that are used in formulas (1) and (2) to create standard errors of estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages.

**Table A-1. Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Estimated Percentages of Persons 3 to 34 Years Old Enrolled in School for the Total, White, and Black Populations: October 1976**

(68 chances out of 100. Numbers in thousands)

| Enrollment           | Estimated numbers of persons |        |       | Standard errors of estimated numbers of persons |       |       |
|----------------------|------------------------------|--------|-------|---|-------|-------|
|                      | Total                        | White  | Black | Total   | White | Black |
| Total enrolled.....  | 60,482                       | 50,761 | 8,518 | 256   | 252   | 101   |
| Nursery.....         | 1,526                        | 1,246  | 226   | 49  | 44    | 20    |
| Private.....         | 1,050                        | 929    | 80    | 41  | 39    | 12    |
| Kindergarten.....    | 3,490                        | 2,881  | 542   | 67  | 63    | 30    |
| Private.....         | 528                          | 457    | 60    | 30  | 28    | 10    |
| Elementary.....      | 29,774                       | 24,776 | 4,430 | 217   | 203   | 94    |
| Private.....         | 3,075                        | 2,829  | 175   | 79  | 76    | 22    |
| High school.....     | 15,742                       | 13,214 | 2,258 | 170   | 156   | 73    |
| Private.....         | 1,201                        | 1,121  | 71    | 50  | 48    | 14    |
| College.....         | 9,950                        | 8,644  | 1,062 | 138   | 129   | 52    |
| Private.....         | 2,211                        | 1,987  | 175   | 67  | 64    | 22    |
| Full time.....       | 7,176                        | 6,170  | 817   | 118   | 110   | 46    |
| Age                  | Estimated percentages        |        |       | Standard errors of estimated percentages        |       |       |
| 3 and 4 years.....   | 31.3                         | 30.4   | 34.5  | 0.8   | 0.8   | 2.0   |
| 5 and 6 years.....   | 95.5                         | 95.1   | 94.0  | 0.4   | 0.4   | 1.2   |
| 7 to 9 years.....    | 99.2                         | 99.1   | 99.3  | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.4   |
| 10 to 13 years.....  | 99.2                         | 99.4   | 98.8  | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   |
| 14 and 15 years..... | 98.2                         | 98.1   | 99.0  | 0.2   | 0.2   | 0.5   |
| 16 and 17 years..... | 89.1                         | 89.1   | 89.0  | 0.5   | 0.5   | 1.5   |
| 18 and 19 years..... | 46.2                         | 45.5   | 50.4  | 0.8   | 0.9   | 2.1   |
| 20 and 21 years..... | 32.0                         | 32.5   | 28.2  | 0.8   | 0.8   | 2.4   |
| 22 to 24 years.....  | 17.1                         | 17.0   | 16.4  | 0.5   | 0.6   | 1.8   |
| 25 to 29 years.....  | 10.0                         | 10.0   | 9.4   | 0.3   | 0.4   | 1.1   |
| 30 to 34 years.....  | 6.0                          | 5.7    | 8.1   | 0.3   | 0.3   | 1.2   |

**Table A-2. Parameters to be Used for Each School Enrollment Characteristic for Direct Computation of Standard Errors**

| Characteristics                                     | Parameters <sup>1</sup> |           |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|
|   | a                       | b         |
| <b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b> |                         |           |
| Total or White.....                                 | -0.000016               | 2064.3452 |
| Black or other.....                                 | -0.000186               | 2791.7805 |
| Kindergarten and nursery school enrollment.....     | -0.000126               | 1738.0412 |

<sup>1</sup>Multiply these parameters by 1.44 to estimate standard errors for years prior to 1967.